MUSICA OXONIENSIS.

A

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OF

SONGS:

FOR

One and Two Voices,

WITH THE

THOROUGH-BASS.

Publish'd by Francis Smith, and Peter de Walpergen Letter-Founder, by whom 'twas Cut on Steel, and Cast, by the Directions of the former.

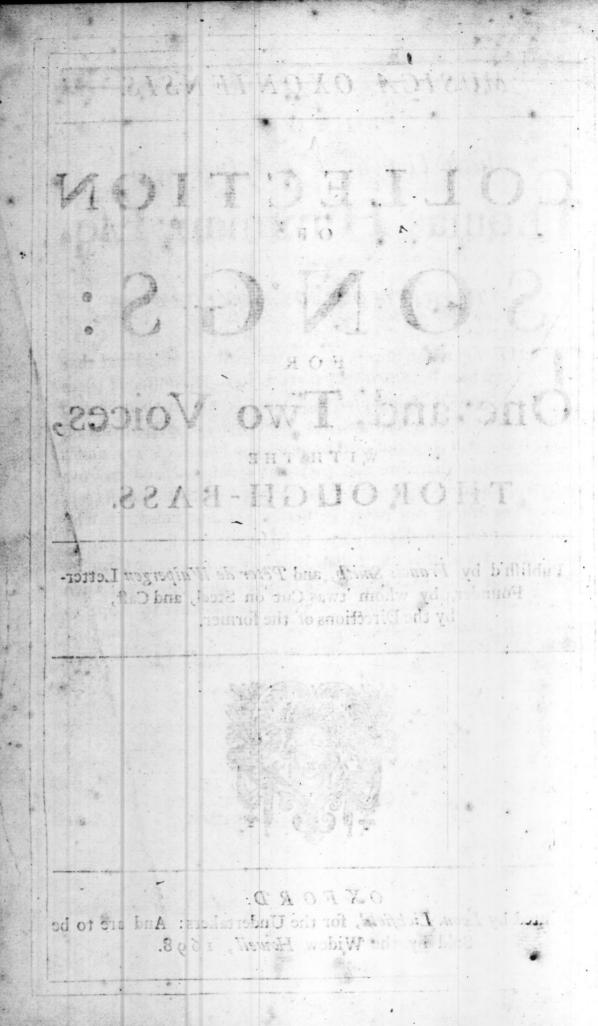




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Thomas Hinxman, Esq.

OF

TRINITT-COLLEGE in OXFORD.

SIR,

he following Sheets, being the first of this Kind that have been Publish'd, We make bold to Recommend them to the World, by prefixing your Name to them: And we are satisfy'd, that however our Performance be Approv'd of, every Body will Applaud our Choice of a Patron. 'Tis under your Protection therefore that they venture abroad, and 'tis from your Approbation that they hope to meet with a kind Reception: For Musick can never be better Recommended, than by your Judgment, unless you please to add your excellent Performance. But 'tis neither our Talent, nor Design to aim at Complements, our only Meaning is, to Honour this Specimen with your Name; and 'tis upon that Presumption that we hope to meet with either Encouragement, or at least Excuse from the rest of the World, if we are but so happy as to have it from You.

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F. SMITH, and P. de WALPERGEN.

TO ALL

Lovers of Musick.

The Character wherein all our Musick has been as yet Printed, not being Comparable to that which is generally Written; I have been induced to consider of a new way, how any Musick may be Printed, so as to be more Convenient, and more Beautiful than any yet Publish'd, if not equal to any in Manuscript. Whether the Effect has answer'd the Design, I leave to the Censure of those, who will, without Prejudice, compare this Specimen with any Printed Musick; and I doubt not, but the Neatness of the Character, the Regularity and Evenness of the Lines, the natural Division of the several Syllables to their proper Notes, &c. will easily be seen; and the great Expence and Trouble, I have hitherto been at, be in some measure Rewarded by a candid Reception and Encouragement.

I intend not, by what has been said, any Encomiums of my own industry, any more than of the Science of Musick it self; since as this needs none, so I should be glad, for the publick Good, to

be exceeded in the other.

The Musick is Compos'd by Good Masters, and several Songs by the same Hands and Others, may be procur'd and Monthly Publist d, if the Work meets with Encouragement.

Be pleas'd to take Notice, That the Binding of the Tails of the Notes, does not make them belong to One Syllable, except there be either a Tie over the Heads of those Notes, or a Division in the Syllable: and that this Character, or Mark, & (which is used by the Italian Masters, and is called a Natural,) is intended so as to restore the Note following to its natural and true sound; as for Instance,

If any Person has a valuable Collection of Musick, and is willing to have it Printed with this Character, if it be sent to our Printer, it shall be Carefully and Correctly done.













ORPHEUS'S SONG to the Satyrs, in the Mask of ORPHEUS and EURIDICE: Perform'd at the Boarding-School at Besselsigh, in October 1697.







